

Missouri Pumpkin Directory



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Greetings pumpkin fans!

It's time once again to load up the family and friends to visit a local pumpkin patch. Missouri's pumpkin farmers have the perfect pumpkins for every purpose, whether you're carving jack o'lanterns or using them in your favorite pumpkin recipe. Not only will your search for that perfect pumpkin yield quality fruit, you're bound to have a great time, too. You might even find yourself revisiting days gone by on a hayride or trying to find your way out of one of the many corn mazes found along the Missouri pumpkin trail.

The department is once again pleased to publish this directory to help you locate local pumpkin farmers. The directory also offers helpful carving hints, fun stories, activities for young pumpkin lovers, and unique recipes that have been pre-tested for tastiness.

Once you've sampled the excitement of a Missouri pumpkin farm, you'll know why so many consumers love *AgriMissouri* products. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

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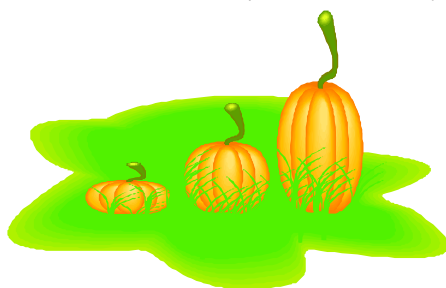
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daughter of Mark & Sue Berendzen.
Sue is a secretary with the Missouri Department of
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Pumpkin Facts



The pumpkin originated in Central America and has been grown in North America for 5,000 years.

Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites!

Pumpkins range in weight from less than one pound to over 1,000 pounds. The largest pumpkin on record weighed 1,140 pounds.

The name pumpkin originated from the Greek word "pepon," meaning "large melon."

Pumpkins are 90% water, low in calories, fat, and sodium, high in fiber, and are a good source of vitamins A & B, potassium, iron, and proteins.



Pumpkin Pie Facts



The largest pumpkin pie ever made was more than five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. It used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs, and was baked for 6 hours!

In the Colonial days, pumpkins were used in the pie crust--not the filling.

The pumpkin pie actually originated when colonists cut the tops off of pumpkins, removed the seeds, and filled the resulting cavity with milk, spices, and honey. The pumpkin was then baked in hot ashes.

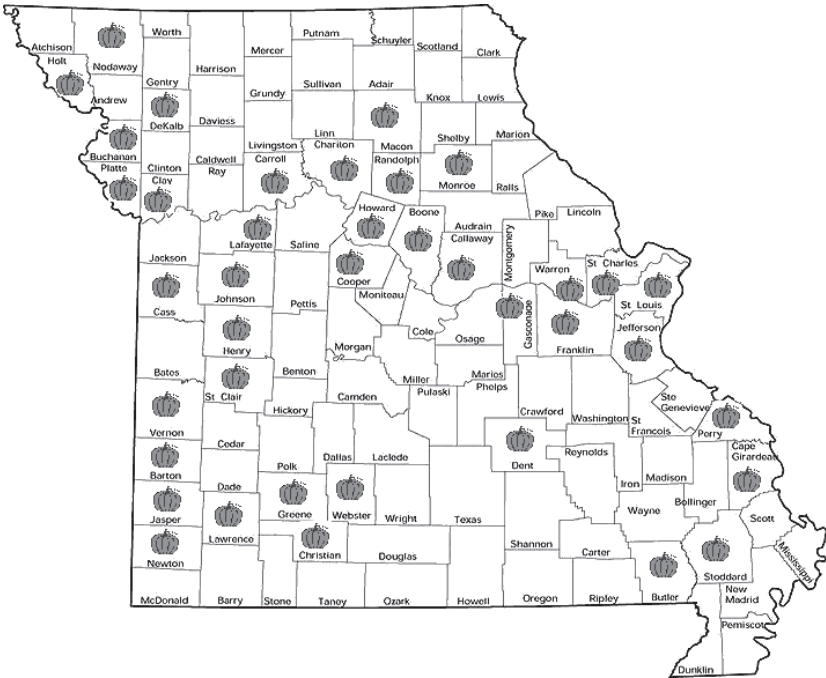
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Happy 'Punkin' Huntin'!

Map of Pumpkin Counties



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Barton County

M & J Berries & Produce

Owners: Chad & Tracy Keutzer
Address: 825 Southwest 1st Lane
Jasper, MO 64775

Phone: 417-394-2674

E-Mail: mjberriesandproduce@iwon.com

Directions: From Jasper, go north 2 miles on Highway 71 to Road 85. Go west to the outer road and then north to the farm. Or, one mile south of the intersection of Highways 71 & 126, take Road 80 west to the outer road and go south to the farm.

Sale Dates: September 15-October 31

Hours: Sun 1-10; Fri 5-10; Sat 10-10

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Howden, Connecticut Field, Jack-Be-Little, Baby Boo, Prize Winner, Dill Atlantic Giant

Extras: "The Great Dinosaur Corn Maze," shaped like a Dinosaur covers 15-20 acres. We also have a wide variety of gourds.



Boone County

Chuck Basye Farms

Owners: Charles & Rhonda Basye
Address: 15000 West Highway 40
Rocheport, MO 65279

Phone: 573-698-2906

E-mail: basyefarms@aol.com

Directions: From I-70, take exit 121 (Fayette). Proceed west on Highway 40, 7.5 miles to the Basye farm on the south side of Highway 40. Watch for signs.

Sale Dates: September 21-October 31

Hours: Sun 11-6; Mon 8-6; Tues 8-6; Wed 8-Noon;
Thur 8-Noon; Fri 8-Noon; Sat 8-6

Market: Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Many varieties from miniature to giant

Extras: Wide variety of gourds and potted hardy fall mums.

Boone County

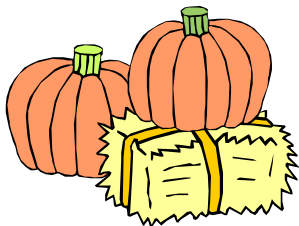
Hackman Farms

Owners: Norlan & Jo Hackman
Address: 21550 Bush Landing
Hartsburg, MO 65039
Phone: 573-657-4556
E-mail: res0aab2@verizon.net
Directions: Located on the south edge of Hartsburg on Bush Landing Road.
Sale Dates: September 1-October 31
Hours: Every Day--Dawn to Dusk
Market: Roadside, Wholesale
Varieties: Many varieties from miniature to large
Events: Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival--2nd full weekend in October. Children's field trips also available.
Extras: Tomatoes, cantaloupe, watermelon and fall and winter squash.

Buchanan County

Lanny & Ryan Frakes

Owners: Lanny, Ryan & Monie Frakes
Address: 13371 State Route KK
Rushville, MO 64484-9588
Phone: 816-688-7820
Directions: From Highway 59, take Route KK north 0.5 mile to the farm. Route KK is located 11 miles southwest of St. Joseph or 2.5 miles north of Rushville.
Sale Dates: September 15-November 1
Hours: Please call.
Market: Farmers' Market, Wholesale
Varieties: All sizes from large to miniature
Extras: Seasonal vegetables, tomatoes, sweet corn, gourds, Indian corn and squash.



Buchanan County

PineTree Lane Berry Farm

Owners: Russ & June Nash

Address: 3855 Southeast State Route C
Easton, MO 64443

Phone: 816-667-5829

Directions: Go 6 miles east of I-29 on U.S. Highway 36, then go 1.25 miles south on Route C.

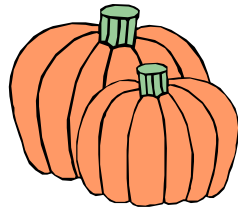
Sale Dates: October 1-October 31

Hours: Every Day 8-5

Market: U-Pick, On-Farm Market

Varieties: Jack O'Lantern types, Howden, Rock Star

Extras: In season, we have asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, blueberries, black raspberries and red fall raspberries.



Buchanan County

Schweizer Orchards

Owners: Steve & Becky Schweizer
Mark & Roxanne Schweizer

Address: 7419 County Road 432
Savannah, MO 64485

Phone: 816-324-4641

Directions: Take the South Highway 169 exit from I-29; go east on 169 for 1 mile; go south on Highway FF for 0.5 mile until you reach the Schweizer Orchard.

Sale Dates: September 10-October 31

Hours: Sun 1-5; Mon-Sat 9-5:30

Market: Roadside, U-Pick

Varieties: All sizes from Jack-be-Little to Prizewinner.
Variety of colors: white, orange and tan.

Extras: Pick your own pumpkins and apples during a hayride to the pumpkin patch and apple orchard, but be careful not to get lost in the straw maze.

Buchanan County

Whistle Creek Farm

Owners: Rick & Jenny Tudor

Address: 8004 Saxton Easton Road Southeast
St. Joseph, MO 64507

Phone: 816-233-3173

E-Mail: tudor@ccp.com

Directions: From I-29, take Exit 44. Go east to Leonard Road, then north to Easton Road, then go north 4.5 miles to the farm.

Sale Dates: Mid-September-Halloween

Hours: Sat & Sun 10-6

Market: Roadside at 3409 South Belt Highway, St. Joseph;
U-Pick by appointment

Varieties: Atlantic Giant, Baby Bear, Baby Boo, Baby Pam,
Big Max, Connecticut Field, Howden, Jack-be-Little,
Lumina, Racer, and more!

Events: We raise the pumpkins for the Pony Express National
Memorial's Pumpkin Fest in St. Joseph, held the
second weekend in October.

Butler County

Myers Pumpkin Farm

Owners: Randy & Teresa Myers

Address: P.O. Box 1664
Poplar Bluff, MO 63902

Phone: 573-989-6293

Directions: Located at 231 Mulberry Lane, Harviell, MO

Sale Dates: September-November

Hours: Variable--Call Ahead

Market: Wholesale

Varieties: Cushaw, Howden



Callaway County

Jay & Kimberly Fischer

Address: 1905 Old Mokane Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Phone: 573-636-0450

Directions: Located across the river from the State Capitol.
Take Highway 54 across the Missouri River bridge to
Route W. Turn right on Hibernia, then left on
Mokane, 1 mile to the farm.

Sale Dates: September 20-October 31

Hours: Please call.

Market: Roadside, Wholesale, U-Pick

Varieties: Gold Rush, Howdens, several gourds and much more

Events: Call to set up appointments for school tours.

Cape Girardeau County

Lanpher Pumpkin Farm

Owners: Ted & Barbara Lanpher

Address: 4218 State Highway NN
Advance, MO 63730

Phone: 573-722-3286

Directions: Located 1.5 miles off Highway 25 on State Highway
NN east of Advance.

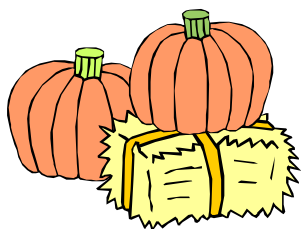
Sale Dates: Late September-October 31

Hours: Sun Noon-6; Mon-Sat 9-6

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, Wholesale

Varieties: All Kinds

Events: Join us for our huge yard sale September 21st. Bring
your own craft and yard sale items--no set-up fee!
Please call ahead to make yard sale reservations.
Lots of good barbecue food, free coffee & cookies.
Kids can explore the jungle maze while you hunt for
bargains.



Cape Girardeau County

Pioneer Apple Orchards

Owners: Stan & Scott Beggs

Address: P.O. Box 407
Jackson, MO 63755

Phone: 573-243-8008

Directions: Located on Highway 72 West on the western city limits of Jackson

Sale Dates: September 10-October 31

Hours: Sun 11-Dusk; Mon-Sat 8-dusk

Market: Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: All kinds

Events: Our Harvest Day Festival on October 10 will feature games, contests, food, crafts, soapmaking, a petting zoo, apple cider cooking, apple butter cooking and live music.

Extras: Horse or antique tractor-drawn wagons, straw maze, jungle maze, and crafts.

Carroll County

Pete's Produce

Owners: Pete & Virginia Gunn

Address: Route 4, Box 32
Carrollton, MO 64633

Phone: 660-542-2993

Directions: From Carrollton, go east on Highway 24, 9 miles to gravel road 423. Go south on 423, 2 miles, and take the second left

Sale Dates: September 30-October 31

Hours: Mon-Sat 8-6

Market: Farmers' Market, Wholesale

Varieties: Howden, Prizewinner, Mini



Cass County

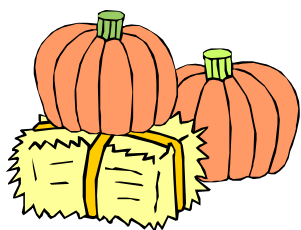
Dunn's Cider Mill

Owners: Jon Dunn
Address: 17003 Holmes
Belton, MO 64012
Phone: 816-331-7214
Website: www.dunnscidermill.com
Directions: Located near the intersection of 171st street
(Highway 58) and Holmes Road (Route D)
Sale Dates: September 28-October 31
Hours: Tues-Sun 9-6
Market: Roadside
Events: Scarecrow contest in mid-October
Extras: The Cider Mill features a cafe serving homemade
soup, sandwiches, cider, and cider donuts from 11-2,
Tues-Sat.

Chariton County

King Hill Farms, Inc.

Owner: Meredith Manson
Address: Route 3, Box 208
Brunswick, MO 65236
Phone: 660-548-3972
Directions: Located 4 miles east of Brunswick on the north
side of Highway 24.
Sale Dates: September 1-December 1
Hours: Every Day 7-6
Market: Roadside, Wholesale
Varieties: All



Christian County

Campbell's Fresh Market

Owners: Mike & Lana Campbell

Address: 177 Carob Road
Clever, MO 65631

Phone: 417-743-2208

E-Mail: cfm411@aol.com

Website: www.campbellsmazedaze.com

Directions: From Highways 160 & 14 in Nixa, turn right on Highway 14, and go 5 miles. Then turn left on Highway N, and go 4 miles to Carob Road.

Sale Dates: September 5-October 31

Hours: Sun 11-7; Tues-Thurs by appt; Fri & Sat 11-10

Market: Farmers' Market, On-Farm, Wholesale

Varieties: Cinderella, Howden, Ironsides, Lumina, Magic Lantern, Munchkins, Phantom

Events: Lots of activities every weekend during September and October, including music, dancing, dance lessons, games, contests, pumpkin carving, pumpkin crafts, corn maze, hayrides, petting zoo, picnics and bonfires. Fridays and Saturdays in October and on Halloween, it's chills and thrills within a 4-acre haunted maze of corn. Bring your flashlight and beware of ghouls with power tools! Lots of old-fashioned fun for kids of all ages!



Christian County

Ozark Mountain Orchard

Owners: Paul & Kathy Lais

Address: 135 Orchard Lane
Highlandville, MO 65669

Phone: 417-443-3343

Directions: 6.5 miles south of Nixa on Highway 160

Sale Dates: September 10-November 10

Hours: Sun 10-6; Mon-Sat 9-6

Market: Farmers' Market, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Mini, Pie, Jack O'Lantern

Events: Join us during the fall season for our Halloween hayrides through the orchard & pumpkin patch, and then see if you can make it through our hay maze. Educational tours are available by appointment.

Extras: We also have asparagus, blackberries, gourds, peaches, squash, strawberries, hardy mums, corn shocks, Indian corn and straw. Try our homemade apple-cinnamon ice cream, apple dumplings and other refreshments.



*Call ahead for directions,
availability and hours!*



Clay County

Carolyn's Country Cousins

Owners: Buddy & Carolyn Raasch

Address: 17607 Northeast 52nd Street
Liberty, MO 64068

Phone: 816-781-9196

E-mail: raaschew@mindspring.com

Website: www.carolynscountrycousins.com

Directions: From the intersection on new Highway 210 and Highway 291 south of Liberty, go east on Highway 210 for 0.5 mile. Take the first gravel road right, and go 1 mile to the pumpkin patch, located on your right. Watch for sign!

Sale Dates: September 20-October 31

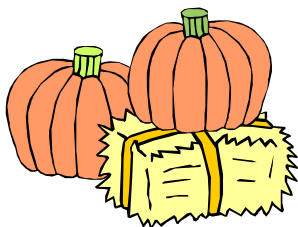
Hours: Daily 10-7

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Giant, Jack O'Lantern, Cinderella, Miniatures and 15 types of large to medium pumpkins.

Events: Art Fair September 20-21 featuring high school students' artwork. 4-H Fun Fest October 5-6 featuring demonstrations and exhibits by local 4-H clubs. Melodrama October 5-6 and 19-20.

Extras: This is our 12th season. In addition to 50 acres of U-pick pumpkins, squash and gourds, we have Little Bud's Farm Railroad, a Lil' Farmers Play Yard, a petting zoo, pig races, hayrides, and more entertainment. Be sure to visit the Country Cousins Cafe, as you'll work up quite an appetite searching for your perfect pumpkin!



Cooper County

Gene's Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Owners: Ernie & Gene Walther

Address: 11500 Blackbird Lane
Boonville, MO 65233

Phone: 660-882-7230 or 660-882-3125

E-mail: walther@socket.net

Directions: From I-70 East or West, take the Pilot Grove Exit. Take Highway 41 west to Clear Springs Road, and go 2-3 miles. Turn right on Terry Road, go 0.75 mile, and follow Walther Lane back to farm.

Sale Dates: September 1-October 31

Hours: Call for hours of operation

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Jack-Be-Little, Howden, Pro Gold Series, Magic Lantern, Lumina, Oz, Appalachian

Events: The Festival of Leaves will be held on our farm the first weekend in October.

Extras: Many vegetables available throughout the year, as well as homegrown popcorn, Indian corn, gourds and honey. Be sure to check out the Settler's Inn, located near the farm.

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Cooper County

Wilson's Homegrown Produce

Owners: Fred & Mary Jo Wilson

Address: 7698 Arrow Rock Road
Blackwater, MO 65322

Phone: 660-846-4432

Directions: Turn left on the first gravel road south of Arrow Rock, and go 3 miles to the farm. Or, take Highway 41 from I-70 & 135, and go about 2 miles. Then turn right on CC at Lamine. You will go about 2 miles, and the road will turn to gravel (Arrow Rock Road). Continue another 3 miles to the farm.

Sale Dates: Mid-September-October 31

Hours: Please call.

Market: Farmers' Market, Wholesale

Varieties: White pumpkins, mixed large to small

Events: We will be at the Arrow Rock Craft Festival
October 12 & 13.

Extras: Dried gourds available year-round.

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DeKalb County

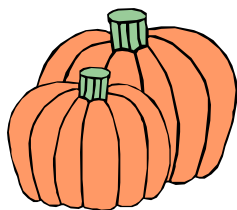
Snodgrass Farm Market

- Owners:** Clifford & Erma Snodgrass
Address: 12780 Southwest Kerns Road
Stewartsville, MO 64490
Directions: The farm is located 11 miles east of St. Joseph on the south side of Highway 36.
Sale Dates: September 10-October 31
Hours: Tues-Sun 10-6
Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside
Varieties: Jack-be-Little to Prizewinner
Events: We will be at the Arrow Rock Craft Festival October 12 & 13.

Dent County

Blackwell Family Produce

- Owners:** Lloyd & JoAnn Blackwell
Address: Route 1, Box 6625
Salem, MO 65560
Phone: 573-674-2780
E-mail: bfp@fidnet.com
Website: www.fidnet.com/~bfp
Directions: From Rolla, take Highway 63 South about 25 miles to Highway CC. Turn east (left) on CC, and go 7 miles to Blackwell Family Produce sign.
Sale Dates: September 16-October 31
Hours: Sun 1-6; Mon-Sat 10-6
Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale
Varieties: Jack O'Lantern, Miniature, Pie
Events: Group tours Mon-Fri include hayrides to the pick-your-own patch and a maze. The public is invited after school hours and on weekends.
Extras: We carry a complete line of fall items, including mums, Indian corn, gourds, corn stalks and various other decorative craft items.



Franklin County

Englehart Farm

Owners: Harry & Donna Englehart

Address: 2940 West Osage
Pacific, MO 63069

Phone: 636-742-4047

Directions: From the Pacific I-44 interchange, take Route 66 west 1.75 miles to farm. Watch for wagon with roof.

Sale Dates: September 26-October 31

Hours: Mon-Sat 10:30-5:00

Market: Roadside

Varieties: Many

Extras: We have had our roadside stand since the early 1930s when Route 66 went through the farm. We have been raising pumpkins, vegetables, flowers, and bedding plants since 1922.



Franklin County

Pin Oak Farms

Owners: Duane & Michelle Brune

Address: 2431 Highway E
New Haven, MO 63068

Phone: 573-237-4088

E-mail: brunemad@mail.fidnet.com

Directions: From I-44, take Exit 257 to Highway 100. Go west 24 miles to Highway E, then south 1.5 miles to the farm, which is on the right. Or, 13 miles east of Hermann to Highway E.

Sale Dates: September 28-October 27

Hours: Sun Noon-6

Market: U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Atlantic Giant, Howden, Howden Biggie, Jack-be-Little, Magic Lantern, Merlin, many gourds

Extras: Come to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and join us for a day of great country fun. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride to the patch to pick your own pumpkin.

Gasconade County

Hesemann Farm

Owners: Rich & Elaine Hesemann
Address: 3500 Kuhne Road
Owensville, MO 65066
Phone: 573-437-7332
E-mail: hesemannlandscape@hotmail.com
Directions: Take Highway 28 to the Kuhne Road exit and head north. Continue heading straight until you reach the farm.
Sale Dates: Mid-September-October 31
Hours: Sun Noon-6; Mon-Sat 8-6
Market: Roadside, Wholesale
Varieties: Howden, Pankow, Mini
Extras: We also have gourds for sale.



Greene County

Jones Farm

Owners: Ted & Ginny Jones
Address: 3170 North Farm Road 187
Springfield, MO 65803
Phone: 417-833-0344
E-mail: jfarm@ipa.net
Directions: From 65 Highway North, exit onto County Road 102. Turn right, then take an immediate right onto the outer road. Go 1.3 miles, and turn onto the first driveway to the right.
Sale Dates: September 14-October 31
Hours: Sun 1-dusk; Mon-Fri 9-dusk; Sat 10-dusk
Market: Roadside, U-Pick
Varieties: Baby Bear, Baby Pam, Memin, Mystic Plus, Prizewinner, Wee-be-Little
Extras: Tours allow kids time to play in our mazes and teepees plus a hayride to the pumpkin patch where they can pick their own pumpkin and gourd.

Henry County

Grace Acres

Owners: Mark & Wendy Larson

Address: 884 Northeast 900 Road
Calhoun, MO 65323

Phone: 660-694-3568

E-mail: wjlle@earthlink.net

Directions: From the intersection of Highways 6 & 52, go east on 53 approximately 14 miles to Northeast 900 Road. Turn right and proceed 1/8 mile to the farm.

Sale Dates: Mid-September-November 1

Hours: Sun 1-dusk; Mon-Thurs 11-dusk; Fri-Sat 10-dusk

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, Wholesale

Varieties: Connecticut Field, Sorcerer, Field Pumpkin, Sugar Pie

Extras: We also have corn stalks, hardy mums, straw, gourds, ornamental corn, Indian corn and squirrel corn for sale.

Holt County

Hall Farms

Owners: Wayne & Joan Hall

Address: 28860 Highway 111
Oregon, MO 64473

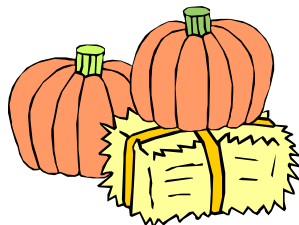
Phone: 660-446-2511

Directions: 1.5 miles on Highway 111 from Oregon

Hours: Daily 8-6

Market: Roadside, Wholesale

Extras: Sweet corn, watermelons, gourds, tomatoes and muskmelon.



Howard County

Colvin Farms

Owner: Gentry Colvin
Address: 930 Highway 187
Franklin, MO 65250
Phone: 660-848-2412
E-mail: gendot@socket.net
Directions: Near Boonslick State Historical Site on Highway 187
off Highway 87, north of Boonville.
Sale Dates: September 8-October 31
Hours: All Day, Every Day
Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, Wholesale
Varieties: Burpee Hybrid, Gold Rush, Howden,
Jack-be-Little, Pie
Extras: We also raise many varieties of gourds and have
dried gourds for sale.

Howard County

Huffstutter Orchard

Owner: Rick Huffstutter
Address: 2621 State Route P
New Franklin, MO 65274
Phone: 660-848-2320
Directions: 1.5 miles northwest from New Franklin on Highway P.
New Franklin is 20 minutes from Columbia and 5
minutes from I-70.
Sale Dates: October 1-November 10
Hours: Sun 12-5; Mon-Sat 8-5
Market: Roadside, U-Pick
Varieties: Howden and many others
Extras: Fresh apples for sale! U-pick or pre-picked. Fun for
the whole family!



Jasper County

Bridges Christmas Tree Farm

Owner: Carl Bridges
Address: 18434 Ivy Road
Carthage, MO 64836
Phone: 417-358-2555
Directions: Located west of Carthage on Business Highway 71,
0.5 mile north of Leggitt & Platt corporate offices.
Sale Dates: October 1-October 31
Market: U-Pick
Extras: Free corn stalks and turnips--no purchase necessary!

Jasper County

Fredrickson Farms

Owner: Steve & Tami Fredrickson
Address: 303 North Grimes
Carl Junction, MO 64364
E-mail: sfredric@sofnet.com
Phone: 417-649-6141
Directions: Located in Carl Junction. Take 171 to the Carl
Junction exit (Highway Z) and travel west to Grimes
Street. Turn north on Grimes and watch for our big
pumpkin sign.
Sale Dates: Mid-September-October 31
Hours: Sun Noon-6; Mon-Sat 8-6
Market: On Farm, U-Pick, Wholesale
Events: Activities every Saturday 9 am-6 pm. Weekday tours
for school groups 9 am-2:30 pm.
Extras: Gourds, Indian corn, mums, straw, winter squash, and
cornstalks.

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Jefferson County

Meert Tree Farms, Inc.

Owners: Domien & Eileen Meert

Address: 14516 Highway T
Festus, MO 63028

Phone: 636-931-3901

E-mail: mark@meerttreefarm.com

Website: www.meerttreefarm.com

Directions: From St. Louis, take Highway 55 south to U.S. 61 (Exit 170). Turn right on 61, and go 1 mile to Highway TT, then turn left and go 3 miles to Highway T. Turn right onto T and go 3 miles until you reach the farm.

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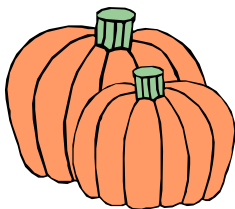
Hours: Sat & Sun 9-5

Market: Roadside, U-Pick

Varieties: Howden Biggie, Dill Atlantic Giant, Connecticut, We-Be-Little, Jack-be-Little, Sugar Pie, Early Autumn, plus a dozen hybrid varieties

Events: On weekends, enjoy a wagon ride down a tree-lined country road, traverse a dry creek bed and find yourself in large fields filled with gourds, pumpkins and corn. Stroll through our corn maze. Be sure to bring your camera to get a picture in the historic corn crib or by our one-room 1850s log cabin. Pick up your straw bales or corn stalks back at our big red barn. See our fall and Halloween crafts. We will be cooking and selling apple butter. Group picnics and hot dog roasts are available with a reservation. A great adventure for adults and kids alike!

Extras: We also have nursery stock available for your fall plantings.



Jefferson County

Single Creek Draft Horse Farm

Owner: Doug & Diann Heinker

Address: 9515 Jim Wilson Road
Dittmer, MO 63023

Phone: 636-944-3845

Directions: Located west on Highway 30 from I-270, approximately 30 minutes to Highway Y. Follow signs!

Sale Dates: Last weekend of September-
last weekend of October

Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5

Market: U-Pick

Varieties: All types!

Events: Fall Harvest Days on weekends. Farm fun includes the only living history horse powered pumpkin farm in the St. Louis area. Every weekend in October, we thresh grain and cook sorghum and apple butter. Our draft horses are on hand to demonstrate hay baling, corn grinding, plowing and sorghum cane pressing. We have horse drawn wagon rides, pony rides, face painting, barrel train rides, a candy scramble, hand-made crafts, a concession stand and lots of farm animals.

Extras: Gourds, Indian corn, sorghum



Jefferson County

Stuckmeyer's Farm Market

Owners: Ralph & Jean Stuckmeyer

Address: 249 Schneider Drive
Fenton, MO 63026

Phone: 636-343-4537

E-mail: Phil@Stuckmeyers.com

Website: www.stuckmeyers.com

Directions: Take Highway 55 south to Arnold. Then take Highway 141 west approximately 4 miles to Schneider Drive. Located near the intersection of 141 & 21.

Sale Dates: October 1-October 31

Hours: Sun 10-4; Mon-Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

Market: Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Atlantic Giant, Howden Biggie, Phantom, Spookie

Events: Fall farm fun days during the second weekend in October

Extras: Hay rides, kiddie rides, pony rides and inflatables on weekends. Hay rides for school tours are available during the week.



Johnson County

Buckeye Acres

Owner: Jim & Jeanne Counts

Address: 91 Northeast 600
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Phone: 660-747-8929

E-Mail: buckeye@socket.net

Directions: Take Route 13 north of Warrensburg approximately 5 miles to County Road 600. Turn right and go 0.9 mile to farm.

Sale Dates: October 1-October 31

Hours: Sun 1-4; Tues-Fri 4-dark; Sat 10-4

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, U-Pick

Varieties: A wide variety

Extras: Other attractions include farm animals, hayrides, horse rides and a gift shop. We also have gourds, Indian corn, corn shocks, straw, dried flowers, honey, jams and jellies for sale.



Lafayette County

Schreiman Orchards

Owners: Jim & Judy Marshall

Address: 29032 Highway 24
Waverly, MO 64096

Phone: 660-493-2477

Directions: Located 2 miles west of Waverly on Highway 24

Sale Dates: Late September-October 31

Hours: Every Day 8-5

Market: Roadside

Extras: In addition to pumpkins, we sell apples in the fall, as well as peaches from mid-June to mid-September.

Lawrence County

Merrick's Pumpkin Patch

Owner: Traves Merrick

Address: 1956 Highway 97
Miller, MO 65707

Phone: 417-452-2683

E-mail: ljmerrick1@hotmail.com

Website: www.cookieatyme.com

Directions: From Springfield, take I-44 to Avilla exit west to Highway 97. Turn north (right), and go 4.5 miles. Or, 9 miles south of Lockwood on Highway 97.

Sale Dates: September 20-November 1

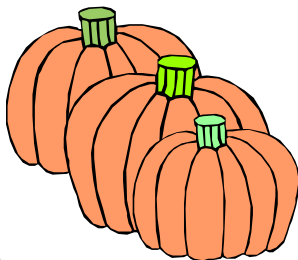
Hours: Sun 1-6; Wed 10-6; Thurs-Sat 10-dusk

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, U-Pick

Varieties: Howden, Pie

Events: Fall Harvest Celebration October 26 & 27, featuring apple butter making, basket weavers, hay maze, contests, bluegrass music and BBQ food.

Extras: Antique farm machinery displayed. Gourds, sunflowers, herbs, sweet corn, and Merrick's Old Fashioned Recipes are available. School tours are welcome.



Macon County

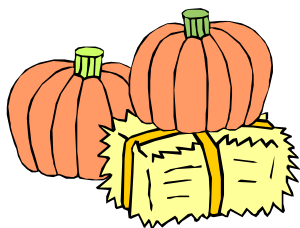
Green Acres Produce

Owners: Roddy, Janice, Justin, Jeana, and Cordel Bane
Address: 26904 Highway 156
LaPlata, MO 63549
Phone: 660-332-4526
E-mail: greenacres-produce@excite.com
Directions: 2 miles west of LaPlata on Highway 156. First house west of the blue water tower.
Sale Dates: Mid-September-?????
Hours: Casual hours
Market: On farm, Wholesale, and Kirksville Farmers' Market
Varieties: Magic Lantern
Extras: Tomatoes, corn, cantaloupe, peppers

Monroe County

Totten's Pumpkin Farm

Owners: Dwaine & Kathy Totten
Address: 30094 Route A
Lentner, MO 63450
Phone: 573-588-2000
E-mail: ktotten@rocketmail.com
Directions: On Highway 36 in North Missouri. Go 6 miles west of Shelbina to Lentner. Then turn south at Lentner onto Route A and go 6 miles to our farm.
Sale Dates: Last weekend in September-October 31
Hours: Sat 9-dark; Sun Noon-dark; Mon-Fri 4-dark
Market: Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale
Varieties: Miniature to Giant
Extras: We have a corn maze adventure, a whitetail deer to pet and feed and a train maze for children. We also have Indian corn, straw bales, corn shocks, gourds and antiques for sale. Be sure to check out our Halloween store.



Newton County

Shank Farms, Inc.

Owners: Merrill & Suzie Shank

Address: 17920 Aspen Road
Diamond, MO 64840

Phone: 417-325-7132

Directions: From I-44 & Highway 59, go 2.8 miles south on Highway 59.

Sale Dates: October 1-October 31

Hours: Mon 10-1; Tues-Sat 10-5

Market: Roadside

Varieties: Miniature, Pie, Jack O'Lantern, Prizewinner

Extras: We also have U-Pick apples.



Nodaway County

Callow's Farm Fresh Produce

Owners: Don & Connie Callow

Address: 40474 Icon Road
Barnard, MO 64423

Phone: 660-652-4424

E-mail: dancon@grm.net

Directions: Take Highway 71 to Road 410. Go west 1.5 miles to Icon Road, and then go north 0.5 mile to the farm.

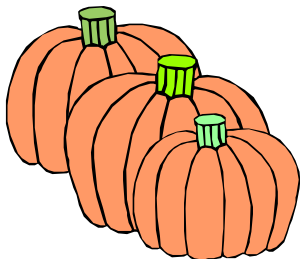
Sale Dates: Mid-September-November 1

Hours: Please call for hours of operation

Market: Farmers' Market, Wholesale

Varieties: Mini to Jumbo

Extras: gourds, Indian corn, popcorn, winter squash, vegetables (in season)



Perry County

C-J Farm

Owner: Clyde Bruckerhoff
Address: 749 Gascogne Drive
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
Phone: 314-434-7997
E-mail: cjbollie@aol.com
Directions: From I-55, take exit 141 (St. Mary's). Take Highway Z east to Highway 61 south. Then go 1 mile to the sign on the left.
Hours: Casual
Market: Kirkwood, Ste. Genevieve, & University City Farmers' Markets, Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale
Varieties: Mixed large to small

Perry County

D&J Farming

Owners: Dan & Jan Geile
Address: 2311 Perry County Road 710
Perryville, MO 63775
Phone: 573-547-1979
E-mail: dansilverlake@yahoo.com
Directions: From Perryville, take Highway T to Silverlake, MO. Turn left onto Highway CC to Perry County Road 710. Turn left on road 710, and take the first driveway on the right.
Sale Dates: September 20-October 31
Hours: Sun call for availability; Mon-Sat 8-5
Market: U-Pick, Wholesale
Varieties: Baby Bear, Connecticut Field, Gold Rush, Howden
Extras: Petting zoo open during business hours. School tours are welcome.



Platte County

Pumpkins, Etc.

Owners: Bill & Kathy Wright
Address: 15650 Highway HH
Platte City, MO 64079

Phone: 816-858-5758

E-mail: pumpkins-etc@excite.com

Directions: East of Platte City via Highway 92 or take Highway HH to Farmer Lane. Follow orange signs.

Sale Dates: September 14-October 31

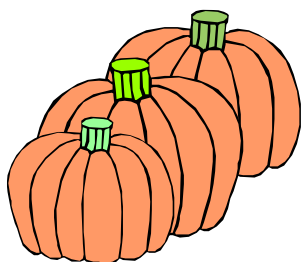
Hours: Every Day 10-6

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Aspen, Fairytale, Howden, Jarndale, Lumina

Events: School and scout groups are welcome. For only \$1, the tour includes time to play in mazes and haystack, an opportunity to pick a pumpkin, and lessons about pumpkin growing.

Extras: We also have squash, straw, corn stalks, Indian corn, painted pumpkins, 42 varieties of hardy mums and lots of kittens for children of all ages to hold!



Randolph County

Roanoke Farm Produce, LC

Owners: David Kottman

Address: RR 1, Box 166
Armstrong, MO 65230

Phone: 660-273-2491

E-mail: dkottman@coin.org

Directions: Roadside stand is located at the junction of Highways 3 & 129 in Roanoke.

Sale Dates: September 15-October 31

Hours: Roadside Market: Daily in season, 10-dark
Columbia Farmers' Market: Wed 4-6 & Sat 9-Noon

Market: Roadside, Columbia Farmers' Market, Wholesale

Varieties: Connecticut Field and others

Extras: We grow a wide variety of produce available at these markets throughout the summer season, and we also have acorn and butternut squash.

St. Charles County

Centennial Farms & Orchard

Owners: Bob & Ellen Knoernschild

Address: 199 Jackson Street
Augusta, MO 63332

Phone: 636-228-4338

E-mail: centfarmaug@aol.com

Website: www.centennialfarmsandorchard.com

Directions: Take Missouri Highway 94 to Augusta. Take west exit (Jackson Street) into Augusta. Look for farm sign on the right, about 0.5 mile.

Sale Dates: September 28-October 31

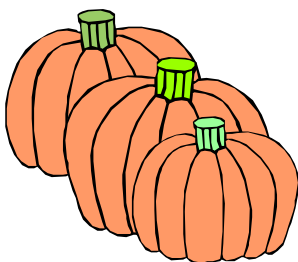
Hours: Mon-Fri 10-5; Sat & Sun 10-6

Market: Roadside, U-Pick

Varieties: Heirloom, Jack O'Lantern, Mini, Pie

Events: Pumpkin Fantasyland, starting the last weekend in September and running every weekend through October, features full-size pumpkin figures, storybook and other characters, straw and field mazes, animals, hayrides and a food stand. School tours are available on weekdays.

Extras: We have a farm market featuring our own apples, fall decorations, squash, gourds, apple butter, honey and preserves. We also have an antique shop in a log house!



St. Charles County

KJ Farm

Owners: Kim & Jennafer Dauwalter

Address: 915 Schaper Road
Foristell, MO 63348

Phone: 636-463-1182

Directions: Take I-70 to Pearce Boulevard in Wentzville. Take South Service Road west to Schaper Road. Or take I-70 to Foristell (exit 203), and take South Service Road to Highway T and then to Highway N. Turn left on Highway N to Schaper Road.

Sale Dates: September 24-November 1

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-5; Fri-Sun 9-Dusk

Market: U-Pick or We Pick

Varieties: Howden, Howden Biggie, Mini, Spookie, White

Events: Festival every weekend in October, featuring farm animals, pony rides, and more!

Extras: Crafts, jams, jellies, local honey, sweet potatoes, gourds, apples, cornstalks, Indian corn, and more.

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St. Charles County

Lakeview Farms

Owners: Carl Lask

Address: 8265 Mexico Road
St. Peters, MO 63376

Phone: 636-978-8830

E-mail: lakeviewfarms@att.net

Website: www.lakeviewfarms63376.com

Directions: From I-70, take Highway K exit (O'Fallon). Go south (left) 0.7 mile to Mexico Road, and turn east (left). Or, take I-64/US 40 west to Highway K, and turn north (right) onto Highway K. Continue north 5 miles, and turn right onto Mexico Road. Once you are on Mexico Road, the farm is 0.7 mile ahead on the south (right) side of the road. Use the lower entrance near the pond and haystack. See our website for a printable map.

Sale Dates: September 20-November 1

Hours: Tues-Sun 9-5

See our website for additional hours when the pumpkin troll is on duty during weekend afternoons in October.

Market: Roadside, U-Pick

Varieties: A wide variety of colors (orange, white, brown and blue) and sizes (miniature up to 50 lbs). Complete list of available varieties on our website.

Extras: Three-story climbing straw pyramid with tunnels, corn maze, sorghum maze, Pumpkin Troll, U-Pick Diamond Mine, gold prospector's creek, Geocaching/Treasure Hunt for the Troll's Cache and cash, and farm animals (the geese love to be fed!) We also have decorative corn, gourds, winter squash, red raspberries, yellow raspberries and strawberries. See website for more information.



St. Clair County

Wisner-Meredith Farm Produce

Owners: Doug Wisner & Elvin Meredith

Address: 12580 Southeast Highway T
Osceola, MO 64776

Phone: 417-282-6582 (Doug)
417-282-6146 (Elvin)

Directions: Go 5 miles south of Osceola on Highway 13 to Highway T, and then go east 7 miles. The farm is on the south side of the road.

Sale Dates: October 1-October 31

Hours: Sat & Sun PM; Mon-Fri after 5 PM

Market: Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Halloween

St. Louis County

Herman's Farm Orchard

Owners: Tom & Elsie Goeke

Address: 3912 Shackelford Road
Florissant, MO 63034

Phone: 314-837-4596

Directions: From I-270, take Lindbergh Boulevard north 4 miles to New Halls Ferry Road. Go left 2 miles to Shackelford. Go right 1 block and turn right at Kindercare Day Care.

Sale Dates: October 1-October 31

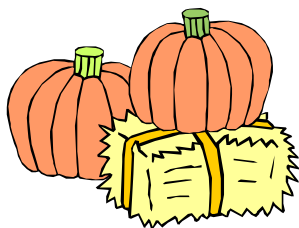
Hours: Every Day 9-7

Market: U-Pick

Varieties: Howden, Strekljohn, Wizard

Events: School tours

Extras: Hayrides, 2-acre play area, U-Dig mums, U-Pick tomatoes, apples, peaches, strawberries, cherries, nectarines, and green beans.



St. Louis County

Prouhet Vegetable Farm

Owner: William Prouhet

Address: 13032 Taussig Avenue
Bridgeton, MO 63044

Phone: 314-739-4978 or 4135

Directions: Take Prouhet Farm Road between Ferguson Lane and Missouri Bottom Road just off Highway 370.

Sale Dates: September 1-Thanksgiving

Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5; Mon-Fri 9-7

Market: Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Giant, Jack O'Lantern, Mini, Spookie,
Many colors (brown, white, orange, grey)

Extras: Gourds, winter squash, Indian corn, Fall ornaments,
baskets

St. Louis County

Rombach Farms

Owners: Chip & Steve Rombach

Address: 18639 Olive Street
Chesterfield, MO 63005

Phone: 636-532-7265

Directions: 1/2 mile west of the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield on Olive Street.

Sale Dates: September 15-October 31

Hours: Daily 9-6; Extended hours during October

Market: Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: Spookies to Prizewinner (150+ pounds)

Events: Petting zoo open every weekend during October,
featuring a small lion. Take a farm tour by stage
coach, train, or pony, and be sure to visit Seaweed
the Seamonster.

Extras: Lots of food: brats, turkey legs, nachos, fresh pro-
duce, cider, and sweet potatoes. Pavilion available for
rental.



St. Louis County

Thies Farm & Greenhouses, Inc.

Owners: Dave & Darrell Thies
Address: 4215 North Hanley Road
St. Louis, MO 63121

Phone: 314-428-9878

E-mail: Dave@ThiesFarm.com

Website: www.ThiesFarm.com

Directions: North County location: take I-70 to North Hanley Road (east of Lambert Airport), and go south 1 block to the farm. West County location: take I-70 to Earth City Expressway to Creve Coeur Mill Road, and then go west 2 miles to the farm

Sale Dates: October 1-October 31

Hours: Sun 10-5; Mon-Sat 9-6

Market: Roadside, U-Pick, Wholesale

Varieties: 12 different varieties and types

Extras: Pumpkinland open at each farm during October, featuring unique play areas, wagon rides, animals, a corn maze, pony rides, and concessions.



Stoddard County

Cate's Orchard

Owners: Kevin & Janet Johns

Address: 14007 State Highway WW
Dudley, MO 63936

Phone: 573-624-3949

E-mail: jjohns@sheltonbbs.com

Directions: Located 1 mile north of U.S. Highway 60 at Dudley exit. Or, 20 miles east of Poplar Bluff. Or, 30 miles west of Sikeston.

Sale Dates: Early September 15-Late October

Hours: Mon & Tues 8-6; Wed 8-5; Thurs & Fri 8-6; Sat 8-4

Market: Roadside, Wholesale

Varieties: Baby Boo, Field Pumpkin, Howden, Munchkin, Pankow

Extras: We also have apples, gourds, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, grass hay, oat hay and straw for sale.

Vernon County

Kithcart Orchard

Owners: The Kithcarts

Address: RR 3, Box 197
Rich Hill, MO 64779

Phone: 417-395-2214

E-mail: KithcartFarm@kintel.net

Directions: 12 miles north of Nevada or 5 miles south of Rich Hill on Highway 71

Sale Dates: October 1-November 30

Hours: Every Day 8-6

Market: Wholesale, Retail Store

Varieties: Jack O'Lantern, Ornamental, Pie

Extras: We have apples, peaches and vegetables, as well as our own cider!



Call ahead for directions,
availability and hours!



Warren County

Pumpkins & Pines

Owners: Jim & Karen Marschel

Address: 2186 Dry Fork Road
Warrenton, MO 63383

Phone: 636-456-8513

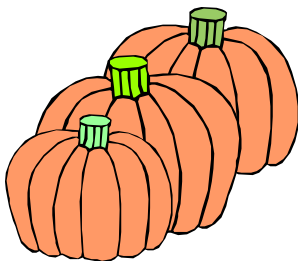
Directions: Located 15 miles north of Washington or 9 miles south of Warrenton on Highway 47. Go west on Highway N one mile to Dry Fork Road. Follow the signs!

Sale Dates: September 21-October 31

Hours: Sun 9-dark; Mon-Sat 8-dark

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, Wholesale

Events: Enjoy our craft festival on October 5th & 6th. There will be craft booths, musical entertainment, a pre-French encampment and a Lakota Sioux Indian camp. You will find kettle corn, funnel cakes and great tasting BBQ by local organizations. Each weekend you can enjoy horseback rides, hayrides, train rides and pedal tractor rides. Kids will love our farm animals and straw mazes! Visit the "Old Log Barn" for hand-made crafts, homemade apple butter, jellies and baked goods. We have a 6-acre corn maze, which is fun and educational for the whole family! Bring your flashlights for a *spooktacular* time in our "nighttime maze" which will be open the last two weekends in October until 10 p.m.



Warren County

Pumpkins Galore

Owners: Leroy, Ardell, Dave, Alexis & Dustin Mikus

Address: 915 South Stringtown
Wright City, MO 63390

Phone: 636-745-3927

Directions: Take I-70 to exit 203 (Foristell). Then, take south service road west 2 miles to South Stringtown Road, and proceed 3 miles until you reach the farm, which will be on the right.

Sale Dates: September 27-November 2

Hours: Every Day--Dawn to Dusk

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, Wholesale

Varieties: Gold Rush, Howden Biggies & many other varieties from miniature to jumbo

Events: On weekends, cornfield maze, children's barnyard and horsedrawn wagon rides

Extras: Gourds, squash, Indian corn, homemade apple butter, garden relish and crafts

Warren County

Reckamp Farms

Owners: Reckamp Family

Address: 1000 Highway OO
Wright City, MO 63390

Phone: 636-673-2734

Directions: Take I-70 to Exit 203 (Foristell). Then take Highway T to Highway OO, turn right, and go 1 mile until you reach the farm, which will be on the left.

Sale Dates: September 28-October 31

Hours: Sun 9-dark; Mon-Sat 8-dark

Market: Farmers' Market, Roadside, Wholesale

Extras: We also sell decorative corn, birdhouse gourds, decorative gourds and corn stalks.



Webster County

Hampton's Greenhouse & Pumpkin Patch

Owners: Larry & Evelyn Hampton

Address: 6817 State Highway 38
Marshfield, MO 65706

Phone: 417-859-4855

Directions: Located 8.5 miles northwest of Marshfield. Go west on Highway 38 or 3 miles south of Elkland on Highway 38.

Sale Dates: September 28-October 31

Hours: Sun 10-dark; Mon-Sat 8 a.m.-dark

Market: Roadside Market, U-Pick

Varieties: All sizes from big to little: Jack-be-Little to Prize Winner. Most of the pumpkins we sell are for carving.

Events: Hayrides to the pumpkin patch on weekends. Groups are welcome during the week by appointment!

Extras: We also grow 1,000 mums for fall and will have pansies. We have lots of fall decorations and we make fresh Christmas wreaths. We also have a dairy and greenhouses.

Webster County

Sharp's Greenhouse

Owner: Melanie Sharp

Address: 243 Whitetail Road
Fair Grove, MO 65648

Phone: 417-933-2253

E-mail: sharpsgh@aol.com

Directions: Take Highway 65 North to 125

Sale Dates: September 23-November 1

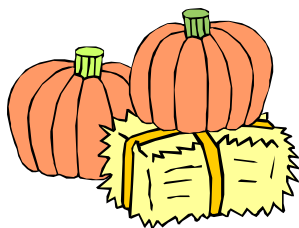
Hours: Every Day 9-6

Market: Roadside Market

Varieties: Cinderella, Jack-be-Little

Events: Come see us September 28th and 29th at the Fair Grove Heritage Reunion

Extras: We also have a large selection of fresh and dried fall wreaths and container gardens for sale.



Pumpkin Wholesalers

Barton County

M & J Berries & Produce

Boone County

Chuck Basye Farms

Hackman Farms

Buchanan County

L & R Farms

Butler County

Myers Pumpkin Farm

Cape Girardeau County

Lanpher Pumpkin Farm

Pioneer Apple Orchards

Carroll County

Pete's Produce

Chariton County

King Hill Farms, Inc.

Christian County

Campbell's Fresh Market

Ozark Mountain Orchard

Clay County

Carolyn's Country Cousins

Cooper County

Gene's Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Wilson's Homegrown Produce

Dent County

Blackwell Family Produce

Franklin County

Pin Oak Farms

Henry County

Grace Acres

Holt County

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Missouri Pumpkin Festivals

Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival

Hartsburg, MO

October 12 & 13

For information, contact Jo Hackman at 573-657-4556



A free weekend celebration with live music, food, crafts, kid's activities, and pumpkins galore!

Pumpkin Daze

Republic, MO

October 5

For information, contact the

Republic Chamber of Commerce at 417-732-3356



Official weigh-in station for the world's largest pumpkin and watermelon. Bring your large pumpkins and watermelons along with your special produce for fun and entertainment.

Pumpkin Fest

St. Joseph, MO

October 12, 13, & 14

For information, contact Mac Burns at 816-279-5059



Included in the festivities are a Great Pumpkin Wall lit with 500 carved pumpkins, carving contests and the Biggest Pumpkin Contest. Be sure to visit the East Hills Farmers' Market October 12th for the Pumpkin Chuckin' Contest. Call Rebecca Aughinbaugh @ 816-669-3501 for more information about the contest.

Another Peter Pumpkin Eater

by Florence Bostwell

Peter didn't crave rich treats like ice cream cones and gobs of sweets. In fact, he had just one demand: for pumpkins, either fresh or canned. "Big ones weighing 20 pounds are best," Pete said, "when chopped or ground. However, I'm most satisfied by pumpkin baked or pumpkin pied."

Now all the Peter pumpkin eating soon became too much treating; for Peter's modest pumpkin store now numbered 33 or more. In cupboards, closets, on the stairs, on book racks, tables, shelves, and chairs, in every kettle, pot and vat, was pumpkin THIS and pumpkin THAT.

A bit depressed and very quiet, Peter reflected on his diet.

"Pumpkins orange, pumpkins yellow, are tasty, luscious, firm and mellow. They team with things we all should eat, though not as much as milk and wheat.

I wonder, could it possibly be, my diet lacks variety?"

"That's it!" a friendly small voice said. "You've hit the problem on the head. You need a basic balanced diet.

I've read about it. Won't you try it?"

"I can't. I've pumpkin on to boil that
I must eat or it will spoil."

"Share!" the voice said. "Share with others!
Neighbors, friends, dads, and mothers."

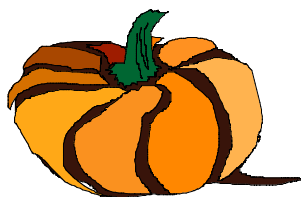
Well, Peter took the free advice and shared his pumpkin, every slice. But lest his friends share his sad fate,

he tacked a big sign on his gate:
Free pumpkins here, my treat, my treat!
But please, dear friends, don't overeat!!



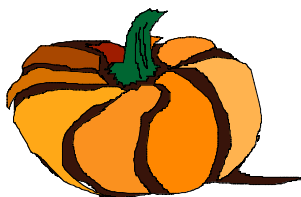
Pumpkin Quiz

1. Pumpkins are members of what food group?
 - A. fruit
 - B. vegetable
2. How long have pumpkins been grown in North America?
 - A. Always.
 - B. Since they were introduced by early pumpkin fans.
 - C. Since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth and invented pie.
 - D. Since Thomas Jefferson brought them back from France.
3. At what famous meal were pumpkins probably served?
 - A. The Last Supper
 - B. The First Thanksgiving
 - C. The First Trick-or-Treat
4. Pumpkins are
 - A. Low in calories and fat.
 - B. A good source of vitamins & minerals.
 - C. Mighty tasty.
 - D. All of the above.
5. Pumpkins are native to
 - A. Europe
 - B. Asia
 - C. North America
 - D. Central America



6. Which of the following is in the same family as the pumpkin?

- A. The pineapple
- B. The orange
- C. The cucumber
- D. None of the above



7. Of what was Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater guilty?

- A. Burning a pumpkin pie in the oven.
- B. Stealing from the King's Pumpkin Patch.
- C. Imprisoning his wife.
- D. Eating Cinderella's carriage, leaving her stranded at the ball.

8. What disease are pumpkins helpful in preventing?

- A. Arteriosclerosis
- B. Cancer
- C. Depression
- D. Snake bites & freckles

9. What part of a pumpkin is edible?

- A. The flowers
- B. The seeds
- C. The fleshy insides
- D. All of the above

10. How can you find out more about Missouri's vast array of agricultural products?

- A. Call 1-888-MO-BRAND
- B. E-mail agrimo@mail.mda.state.mo.us
- C. Take a trip to your local farmers' markets
- D. All of the above

Answers



Pumpkin Quiz Answers

1. A The pumpkin is a fruit. Actually, it's a berry!
2. B Native to the western hemisphere, pumpkins have been grown in North America for 5,000 years.
3. B The First Thanksgiving, although it is unlikely they were served in pie form, as we know it today.
4. D In addition to being low in calories and fat, pumpkins are a good source of Vitamins A & B, potassium, protein, iron and fiber.
5. D The pumpkin originated in Central America.
6. C Pumpkins are a type of squash and a member of the gourd family which also includes cucumbers, gherkins and melons.
7. C Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater imprisoned his wife in a pumpkin shell, and as the rhyme goes, there he kept her very well.
8. A Pumpkins help prevent arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries), but they were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snakebites. Native Americans used pumpkin seeds for medicine.
9. D The flowers, seeds, and fleshy insides are all edible.
10. D All are good ways to learn more!



Scoring



9-10 Correct

Congratulations!

You have achieved the rank of
Professional Pumpkinologist!

7-8 Correct

Not too bad.

You just need a little more pumpkin practice,
and you'll be elected
President of the Pumpkin Patch!

4-6 Correct

Prepare a pumpkin pie or plant a
prize pumpkin, and you too will eventually
possess pumpkin power!

2-3 Correct

You need quite a bit of work if you
plan to rise above the rank of a
practicing pumpkin picker!

0-1 Correct

Find a pumpkin professional near you
to learn more about pumpkins!

Jack O'Lantern Carving Tips

Knives are Sharp!



Adult Supervision Required!



1. Choose a pumpkin with no cuts or bruises.
2. Do not carry the pumpkin by its stem, as it may break and cause the fruit to bruise.
3. Select a large, well-shaped pumpkin for your Jack O'Lantern because they have less pulp than the smaller, heavier pumpkins.
4. Be sure to carve **away** from your body to prevent carving mishaps.
5. Try cutting off the bottom of the pumpkin, rather than the top. This will allow the pumpkin to sit flat and straight.
6. Use a soup ladle to remove the seeds from the interior of the pumpkin.
7. Draw on the pumpkin with a marker before you begin carving.
8. Carve facial features from the center out.
9. Use the tip of a potato peeler to make small cut out, use a toothpick. Try using a toothpick to give your Jack O'Lantern ears, too!
10. To attach a section that has been accidentally cut out, use a toothpick. Try using a toothpick to

Halloween Candy Holder

A great craft for kids young & old!
You can use this for trick or treating
or as a decoration.

1. Find a large can, such as a coffee or spaghetti sauce can.
2. Wash and dry the can thoroughly, making sure to remove all the paper and sticky glue.
3. Paint the can with one coat of white paint, and allow the paint to dry.
4. Next, paint the can with a coat of orange paint, and allow to dry.
5. Then, using black paint or a black marker, draw a jack o'lantern face on the can.
6. Using a hammer and nail, punch two holes opposite one another into the top edges of the can.
7. Tie string or twine, using the holes you just punched to make a handle.
8. Now you have a fashionable, yet functional holiday decoration!
9. Another idea: try using smaller cans, then fill them with candy and use them as Halloween party favors.



Pumpkins aren't just for pie!

Pumpkin Cheesecake

To make the crust, mix together:

30 squares crushed graham crackers (1 1/2 pkgs)

1/3 cup sugar

1/2 cup melted margarine or butter

Press into 8 1/2 x 11 cake pan

Beat well:

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

8 ounces softened cream cheese

Pour over crust, and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Cook until thick...or until it bubbles well:

1 can pumpkin

3 egg yolks

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup milk

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

Remove from heat and add to pumpkin mixture:

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 envelope gelatin softened in 1/4 cup COLD water

In separate bowl, beat until stiff:

3 egg whites

1/4 cup sugar

Add to COOLED pumpkin mixture

Spread on top of COOLED cream cheese layer,
top with whipped cream, and enjoy!

Mary & Angela Pulse



To cook pumpkin, wash and cut in half crosswise. Remove seeds and strings. Place pumpkin in a pan, shell side up. Bake at 325 degrees for one hour or more, depending on the size, until tender and pumpkin begins to fall apart. Scrape the pulp from the shell and put it through a ricer, strainer, or blender.

Praline Pumpkin Torte

Praline Crust:

- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup butter (no substitutes)
- 3 Tablespoons whipping cream
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans



In a heavy saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter and cream. Cook and stir over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Pour into two well greased 9-inch round baking pans. Sprinkle with pecans. Cool.

Cake:

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| 4 eggs | 1 2/3 cups sugar |
| 1 cup vegetable oil | 2 cups cooked Missouri pumpkin |
| 1/4 teaspoon vanilla | 2 cups all-purpose flour |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | 1 teaspoon salt |

In a mixing bowl, beat eggs, sugar and oil. Add pumpkin and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients; add to pumpkin mixture and beat just until blended. Carefully spoon over brown sugar mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks to cool completely. Place one cake layer, praline side up, on a serving plate.

Topping:

- 1 3/4 cups whipping cream
- 1/4 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- additional chopped pecans

In a mixing bowl, beat cream until soft peaks form. Beat in sugar and vanilla. Spread two-thirds over cake. Top with second cake layer and remaining whipping cream. Sprinkle with additional pecans if desired. Store in refrigerator.

Barbara Person

Pumpkin Bisque

1 medium onion, chopped

2 stalks celery, chopped

3 cloves garlic, chopped

4 cups light vegetable stock (or light chicken stock or water)

2 tomatoes, chopped

2 bay leaves

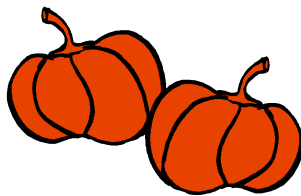
1/2 teaspoons nutmeg

2 cups pumpkin purée

salt and pepper to taste

1 cup heavy cream

Sauté onions, celery, and garlic in butter. Add stock, tomatoes, bay leaves and nutmeg. Cook until vegetables are very soft. Strain and reserve liquid. Purée vegetables with some liquid and strain through a sieve. Combine liquid, puréed vegetables, and pumpkin; heat. Add cream and season with salt and pepper.



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